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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO MESSAGE FROM  
FOREIGN MINISTER

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT  
FORD TO FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONGRATULATIONS ON MY ASSUMPTION OF  
THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT. I HIGHLY VALUE THE GOOD  
RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I VERY  
MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND GOOD WISHES AND I THANK  
YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR EXPRESSING THEM. BEST REGARDS,  
GERALD FORD. END QUOTE.

2. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM KAMAL HOSSAIN:

QUOTE: EXCELLENCY:

ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH AND ON MY OWN BEHALF  
I WARMLY CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF HIGH OFFICE  
OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ON THIS OCCASION I WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM OUR HOPE THAT  
DURING YOUR TENURE OF OFFICE THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS THAT  
EXIST BETWEEN USA AND BANGLADESH WILL BE FURTHER STRENG-  
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THENED. I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND MY

BEST WISHES FOR YOUR LONG LIFE AND GOOD HEALTH AND FOR  
HAPINESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF USA.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE TEXTS OF THESE  
EXCHANGES, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF BDG WISHES TO DO SO.  
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